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SUBJ: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL: CONSORTIUM
LOAN

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1. JUST PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE FOR THE UNITED STATES, FEB 24 MARIO SOARES CALLED ME FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. SAID HE HAD REVIEWED WITH THE PRESIDENT OUR CONVERSATION OF YESTERDAY (REFTEL) AND THEY HAD DECIDED TO SEND VICTOR CONSTANCIO TO GERMANY TO URGE GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN CONSORTIUM LOAN. SOARES WOULD FOLLOW UP PERSONALLY WITH SCHMIDT DURING HIS SECOND TRIP TO EEC COUNTRIES, IN WHICH GERMANY IS INCLUDED. SOARES SAID CONSTANCIO WOULD GO TO THE UK (I ASSUME TO CORRECT MISLEADING IMPRESSION BRITISH HAVE) AND THEN TO FRG. MISSION WOULD BE A QUIET ONE TO AVOID OFFENDING OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS.

2. SOARES ALSO TOLD ME GOP HAD MADE A CONCERTED CAMPAIGN TODAY IN THE PRESS, BASED ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH ME, IN AN EFFORT TO PUT THE SHIFT FROM FY 77 TO FY 78 IN ITS PROPER PERSPECTIVE. I TOLD HIM TODAY'S PRESS WAS A GREAT IMPROVEMENT OVER YESTERDAY'S AND THAT WE WOULD BEAR
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IN MIND HIS PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEM DURING OUR TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESS.

3. COMMENT: IN OUR JUDGMENT VICTOR CONSTANCIO IS THE BEST CHOICE SOARES COULD HAVE MADE. A SOCIALIST PARTY MEMBER, FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE, PRESENTLY VICE GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK AND CHAIRMAN OF THE INTER-MINISTERIAL

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY, CONSTANCIO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE, BRIGHT, PERSONABLE,
AND ARTICULATE. HE IS HIGHLY RESPECTED HERE AND HAS
DIRECT ACCESS TO SOARES.
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